

REMARKS

Claims 22, 24 and 26 have been amended. No amendment to the claims raises any new issue for consideration by the Examiner and so entry of the above amendments is requested without withdrawal of the application from issue. The amendments were not earlier presented because the claims being amended were first entered into the Application by an Examiner's Amendment provided with a Notice of Allowability.

The amendment to claim 22 is made to clarify that the non-spermine/non-spermidine SSAT substrate is amantadine and to conform the language of the claim ("presence" vs. "amount") to that of claim 17 from which it depends. Claim 24 is amended to delete the phrase, "to a standard curve", as this method of relating the amount of acetylamantadine to an amount of SSAT in a sample is seen as unnecessarily restrictive. A skilled artisan readily recognizes that the relationship can also be obtained, for instance, by reference to a previously known specific activity (activity per mass) of the enzyme. The Amendment to claim 26 merely incorporates the Examiner's Amendment presented in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability to correct the dependency of the claim.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

The Notice of Allowability includes an Examiner's Amendment that sufficiently well reflects the substance of the telephone